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SUBJECT: PRES ASAD AND FONMIN KHADDAM DEPART FOR BUCHAREST

1. SYRIAN MEDIA MORNING FEB 14 ANNOUNCED PRES ASAD DEPARTING TODAY FOR BUCHAREST. ARTICLES ONLY STATED THAT HE WAS GOING AT THE INVITATION OF PRES. CEAUCESCU (INVITATION EXTENDED IN DECEMBER WHEN PRIMIN KHULAYFAWI HEADED SYRIAN DELEGATION TO BUCHAREST). ACCOMPANYING ASAD WERE DEPPRIMIN ABDUL HALIM FONMIN KHADDAM; HEAD OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE BAATH PARTY NATIONAL COMMAND FAWAZ SAYYAG; THE PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL ADVISOR ADIB DAOUDI.

2. COMPOSITION OF SYRIAN DELEGATION MADES CLEAR

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TALKS EXPECTED TO BE POLITICAL RATHER THAN ECONOMIC. (LATTER DOMAIN WAS FULLY COVERED BY DECEMBER'S TOP LEVEL DELEGATION.)

3. FROM SYRIAN SIDE, ONE COMMENT WE HAVE HEARD IS THAT WITH HIGH LEVEL VISITS FROM FRG, FRANCE, AND US, ALL IN FEBRUARY, ASAD WAS ANXIOUS TO SHOW HE NOT ABANDONING CLOSE RELATIONSHIP SYRIA HAS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY AFTER

HAVING REPORTEDLY TURNED DOWN INVITATION TO VISIT USSR. OTHER
SPECULATION HAS ROMANIA PLAYING MEDIATOR ROLE BETWEEN SYRIA
AND ISRAEL, AND PLO AND ISRAEL. WE HAVE NO CLEAR PICTURE HERE,
HOWEVER, OF THE DIMENSIONS OF SUCH A ROLE. IT WOULD SEEM
UNLIKELY THAT ASAD WOULD TELEGRAPH A MAJOR SHIFT IN HIS OWN
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL BY A TRIP TO BUCHAREST.
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